

Bremer Refuses to Talk To Psychiatrists in Jail

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Arthur H. Bremer, convicted last week of shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, has refused to cooperate with psychiatrists trying to evaluate him in the reception center at the Maryland State Penitentiary in Baltimore, according to prison officials.

Prison public relations man Robert Grams also said Bremer, who is being kept in a 9-by-5½ foot cell during entry processing, has refused to eat some of his food. He also refuses to talk to the guards assigned to watch him 24 hours a day, Grams said.

The only response Bremer has made, Grams said, was to "mock" one guard who said, "Good morning, Mr. Bremer." Bremer met with his attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz, on Wednesday but has been allowed no other visitors.

If Bremer continues to refuse to talk to psychiatrists, Grams said, it may be difficult to evaluate him sufficiently to place him in a state institution suitable for him. The purpose

of the one-to-two-month evaluation period is to decide which institution is best for each prisoner.

Bremer could stay at the penitentiary, the state's only maximum-security institution, or be sent to other prisons in the state. One of these is the Patuxent Institution in Jessup, Md., which tries to rehabilitate "defective delinquents" or criminally prone persons who are legally sane.

Bremer had remained silent, on Lipsitz's advice, to deny evidence to state psychiatrists who had examined him before the trial because the results might be used against him in the trial.

Bremer may face a second trial on federal charges stemming from the Wallace shooting, but federal prosecutors are still deciding what to do following the state conviction.

Bremer was sentenced to a total of 63 years in prison for shooting Wallace and three bystanders at a May 15 political rally in Laurel, Md.

Bremer Appeal Gets 20 Dimes

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 10 (UPI) — William Bremer, whose son Arthur was sentenced to 63 years in jail for the shooting of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, says he has received only \$2 so far in response to an appeal for funds to fight his son's conviction.

Bremer said the \$2, all in dimes, was contributed by neighbors. He also said he had received some crank mail which has made him angry and even more determined to raise money for the appeal.